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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ranjit N. Notani et al.  
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Title: Facilitating the Negotiation of Standards for Inter-Enterprise  
Collaboration Between Trading Partners

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**Second Request for Status**

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants received a Status Reply Letter from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 13, 2003, stating that Applicants could expect the application to be examined in approximately fifteen months. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action and are again requesting status of the first Office Action and the status of this case.

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (214) 953-6812.

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